

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION TO ELIMINATE ALL REFERENCES TO THE PET REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*) of the City Code is amended to read:

~~(10) REGISTRATION FEE means the annual fee charged by the City for the registration of a dog or cat.~~

(10) ~~(11)~~ RESTRAINT used with respect to a dog or cat means:

- (a) kept in a secure enclosure; or
- (b) kept under the direct physical control of the animal's owner or handler by a leash, cord, chain, or similar direct physical control.

(11) ~~(12)~~ RUNNING AT LARGE means an animal not:

- (a) under the direct physical control of its owner or handler; or
- (b) physically restrained within the premises of its owner or handler.

(12) ~~(13)~~ SMALL ANIMAL means a small animal kept domestically, including a rabbit, guinea pig, rat, mouse, hamster, or gerbil.

PART 2. Section 3-1-24 (*Release of Impounded Animal*) of the City Code is amended to read:

Except as provided in Section 3-1-23 (*Fee Waivers*), the city manager may not release an animal impounded under this title unless the owner or handler:

- (1) pays all applicable fees, including the impound fee; and
- (2) for a dog or cat, provides proof of current ~~[registration and]~~ vaccination or ~~[pays the registration and]~~ vaccinates the animal.

1 **PART 3.** Section 3-3-3 (*City-Sponsored Vaccination Clinics*) of the City Code is
2 amended to read:

3 The health authority may sponsor may sponsor rabies vaccination [~~and~~
4 ~~registration~~] clinics.

5 **PART 4.** Chapter 3-4 (*Regulation of Dogs and Cats*), Article 2 of the City Code is
6 repealed.

7 **PART 5.** Chapter 3-4 (*Regulations of Dogs and Cats*), Article 3 is renumbered as Article
8 2.

9 **PART 6.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2008.

10 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

11 _____, 2008

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15 _____
16 Will Wynn
17 Mayor

18 **APPROVED:** _____
19 David Allan Smith
20 City Attorney

21 **ATTEST:** _____
22 Shirley A. Gentry
23 City Clerk
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